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Applicant : Naoaki Niwa
Title : METHOD OF SELLING MEASURING OR ANALYZING APPARATUS
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Examiner : Freda Nelson

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE

Sir:

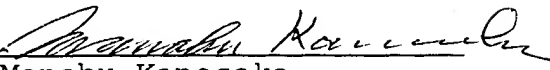
In paragraph 1 of the Office Action of March 8, 2006, claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2001-312664. In paragraph 2 of the Action, claims 3, 4, 7-9, 12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2001-312664 in view of Rive.

However, JP 2001-312664 was published on November 9, 2001, prior to the filing date, May 15, 2001, of the present application. Therefore, JP 2001-312664 can not be cited in the present application.

Please withdraw the rejection, and allow the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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